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TOPIC Soviet Troops at the Troop Training Grounds of WERDER near

JUTERBOG

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1. More than 150 tanks and about 80 guns, allegedly antiaircraft guns, were observed in a patch of wood about one mile south-east of NEUHOF (N 53/E 79) on 3 July 1949. All weapons were camouflaged with nets and tarpaulins.
2. Fourteen thousand troops were allegedly located in the camps near WERDER (N 53/E 79) in early July 1949.
3. Local residents stated that troops with gas masks were often trained there in late June 1949.
4. It was said that about 500 cantonment buildings were under construction or were due to be built in the area west of WERDER.

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Comment: Component units of both the 6th and 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) (evaluation of motor vehicle [REDACTED]) presumably component units of the 14th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) and Hq units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) (antiaircraft artillery division (Cadre)?) have been training since early June 1949 in the area of WERDER - MARKENDORF which was opened in the spring of 1949. This training area is considered to be one of the essential maneuver grounds for the component units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre).

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